

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 1, line 11:

The printing mechanisms are generally made up of a printing head affixed to a frame. The thermal printing head ~~consists of~~ comprises a ceramic support that carries the line of heating points and silicon chips or integrated circuits for controlling their supply. The printing head can pivot relative to the frame, most generally along an axis parallel to a longitudinal side of the frame. A roller is united as a single piece with the frame in a manner so that its longitudinal axis is also parallel to it on a longitudinal side of the frame. The printing head is held by a spring supported on the roller. The position of the roller must thus be perfectly controlled in order to obtain a perfect alignment with the thermal printing head. The printing medium usually consists of a roll of paper whose one side is sensitive to heat. This printing roller is driven in rotation by means of a drive cylinder, also called a drive capstan, which itself is activated by a system of pinions and by a small electric motor.

Page 2, line 25:

For this purpose, the present invention has as its object a device for unlocking a compartment of an opening mechanism, in particular, a thermal printing mechanism, ~~consists of~~ comprising a chassis, the compartment being designed to receive a paper roll, and being closed by a cover.

Page 2, line 29:

According to the present invention, a lever is mounted to rotate on the cover and ~~consists of~~ comprises a maneuvering part, whereby the lever consists of stops able to act together with the sides of the chassis in order to cause the rotation of the cover relative to the chassis when the lever is rotated relative to the cover.

Page 3, line 12:

In an advantageous manner, the lever ~~consists of~~ comprises a maneuvering part, having a

shape that is approximately complementary to that of the opening of the cover, and it is equipped with extensions carrying at their free ends, rotating axes intended to come to engage in the receptacles formed in the cover, and stops intended to act together with the sides of the chassis.

Page 4, line 11:

In the Figures, a thermal printing mechanism is shown which ~~consists of~~ comprises a compartment intended to receive a paper roll, whereby this compartment is closed by a cover itself equipped with a locking device intended to make it easier to load and unload the paper used in such a thermal printing device, the opening of the cover being made easier by a lever made according to the present invention. The thermal printing mechanism is quite similar to the one that has been described in the document FR-A-2 760 684 in the name of the applicant, the contents of which are assumed to be integrated by reference in the present description and which is thus not described in greater detail.

Page 4, line 19:

Shown in the Figures are the cover of the compartment intended to receive the paper roll, the cover being designated in its entirety by the reference indicator 10. The cover 10 is of the general rectangular configuration and ~~consists of~~ comprises, at the ends of one of its sides, of the openings 12 intended to receive the pins (not shown) that are united with the chassis whose sides are partially shown on Figures 3 by reference 11 and allow the swinging or the rotation of the cover 10 on the chassis. The cover 10 ~~consists-comprises~~, on the ends of the side opposite the one that carries the openings 12, of the slots 14 intended to accommodate the ends of the axle of a support and drive roller (not shown) of the paper delivered from the paper roll (not shown).

Page 5, line 15:

The first time of the rotational movement of the lever 22 relative to the cover 10, the stops 30 come to be supported on the sides of the chassis. The second time of the rotational movement of the lever 22 relative to the cover 10, the force exerted by the user at the end of the maneuvering part 24 is exerted by the stops 30 on the sides of the chassis, this force being reduced by the ratio

between the lever arms existing between, on the one hand, the end of the maneuvering part 24 and the rotating axes 28, and on the other hand, between the rotational axes 28 and the stops 30. As can be seen in the Figures, the ratio between these lever arms can be very sizeable, up to about 3 as shown in the Figures, and in a preferred manner, greater than ten. The opening of the cover 10 can thus be done in particularly ergonomic manner for the user, who does not have to exert a sizeable force in order to obtain this opening.